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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: RHODESIA ZANU (SITHOLE) MINISTER OF EDUCATION ON SALISBURY
TALKS

1. ZANU MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. GOPO, WHO IS MEMBER OF ANC
SITHOLE DELEGATION AT SALISBURY TALKS, VISITED EMBASSY FEB
1 OSTENSIBLY TO SEEK SCHOLSHIPS FOR ZIMBABWEAN YOUTH. HE SAID
REVEREND SITHOLE HAD ALSO INSTRUCTED HIM TO BRIEF THIS AND OTHER
WESTERN EMBASSIES ON COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS. IN SO DOING, HE
PROVIDED US WITH COPIES, INTER ALIA, OF FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

A) MINUTES OF "CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT TALKS", SESSIONS
7, 8, 9, 10 AND 11 DATED DECEMBER 21, 22, 23 AND JANUARY 3.

B) SUMMARY OF EIGHT-POINT "CONSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT" INCLUDING
COMPOSITION OF PROPOSED ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

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C) DRAFT PAPER ON "TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS" TO BE UNDERTAKEN
BY INTERIM QUADRIPARTITE REGIME COMPOSED OF SMITH, MUZOREWA,
SITHOLE AND CHIRAU. GOPO COMMENTED THAT FORMATION OF ZIMBABWE
NATIONAL ARMY WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT THE TRANSITION REGIME, I.E.,
AFTER RHODESIAN FRONT IS NO LONGER IN POWER.

D) LIST OF STEPS TO BRING ABOUT FORMATION OF MAJORITY RULE

GOVERNMENT AT CLOSE OF TRANSITION PERIOD.

E) ANC (SITHOLE) DENUNCIATION OF MUZOREWA'S WALKOUT.

2. ACCORDING TO GOPO, ABOVE DOCUMENTS CONTAIN SUBSTANCE OF INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE BY ALL PARTICIPANTS AND WAS TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED JAN 28 OR 29 -- AS SIGNING WAS DELAYED BY MUZOREWA'S WALKOUT. GOPO SAID MUZOREWA RETURNED TO TALKS FEB 1; HE SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT SIGNING OF INTERNAL AGREEMENT "MIGHT TAKE PLACE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY".

3. DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS GOPO MEETING WITH EMBOFFS WAS SUSPENDED AFTER ONE HOUR BUT SCHEDULED RESUME MORNING FEB 2.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE (A) SERIOUSNESS OF GOPO'S STATEMENT THAT INTERNAL AGREEMENT MAY BE IMMINENT;

(B) IMPORTANCE OF DOCUMENTS HE HAS TRANSMITTED; OR

(C) WHETHER THE DOCUMENTS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT ELSEWHERE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH US TO CONVEY TO GOPO, CONFIDENTIAL

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BEYOND REITERATING OUR POSITION THAT SETTLEMENT MUST EMBRACE ALL PARTIES, ETC;

B) INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING MATERIAL RECEIVED AS NOTED PARA 1, ABOVE; AND

C) INDICATIONS OF DEPARTMENT INTEREST IN GOPO'S COMMENTS ANJIL IN REPORTING.

6. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS DESIRED. NORLAND

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